(a) what is the total amount deposited in the Drug Prices Equalisation Account since the account was opened;

(b) what are the details of companies which deposited alongwith the date and amount deposited by each;

(c) what is the balance as on the 30th November, 1993 and how much amount was withdrawn along with the date of each withdrawal and for what purpose;

(d) which is the name of the Bank where the amount has been deposited and what was the interest given each year;

(e) whether the account is still in operation, if so, who is operating it; and

(f) whether any amount is due to this account, if so, the estimated figures and by when the total amount would be deposited ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EADUARDO FALEIRO) : (a), (b) and (f) : The details asked for has been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 7 answered on 12-12-1993.

(c), (d) and (e) An amount of Rs. 12.04 crores is available as balance towards DPEA Account and Rs. 18.53 crores has been utilised over the years for the purpose for which the amount is collected. In addition, Rs. 5.60 lakhs has been paid as fee to National Council of Applied Economic Research for a study conducted by the Council. The amount towards the DPEA is not kept in any bank but is maintained by the Government.

BULK DRUG CARBAMEZAPINE AND RANITIDINE

3056. **PROF. I. G. SANADI** : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether enquiry to investigate as to how high price has been allowed while fixing the prices of formulations based on Darbamezapine and Ranitidine have since been completed, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what was the bulk drug price on which the formulation prices were based and what was the price on which they should have been based; and

(c) what was the usage of these bulk drugs in the forumlations during the period in question ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) No such enquiry has been conducted.

(b) For Carbamedapine bulk drug price of Rs. 3730.81/kg. was adopted for fixing the celling prices of Carbamezapine based tablets on 12-3-1993. Price of Rs. 6038/kg was adopted for fixing the price of Carbamezapine Syrup for paediatric use.

In respect of Ranitidine bulk drug a price of Rs. 4396/kg was adopted on the basis of weighted average for 9 months period of 1987-88 on 20-6-1988.

(c) To the extent information as available the details are as below :

	Year		
	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
(1) RANITIDINE.			
(a) Production	127.15 Tons	138.66 Tons	172.05 Tons
(b) Imports	Nil	75 Kg.	N.A.*
(2) CARBAMEZAPINE			
(a) Production	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Imports	34248 kgs	2700 kgs	N.A.*

*N.A. (Not available)

MARGIN/COMMISSION FOR DEALERS/DISTRIBUTORS OF FERTILISERS

3057. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed any maximum Margin/commission for the dealers/distributors of fertilisers by the fertiliser producing companies for controlled fertilisers;

(b) if so, what is the margin per M. tonne for different controlled fertilisers;

(c) whether it is a fact that many urea producing units including the units run by Government are flouting these instructions and giving more margins by manipulating things and by malpractices; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to get rid of such malpractices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The prevailing distribution margins for controlled fertilisers are as under :—

S. No.	Name of the Fertiliser	Distribution Margin per M. Tonne (in Rs)	
		For Institutional Sector (Rs)	For Private Sector (Rs)
1.	Urea (46% N)	150	130
2.	Ammonium Sulphate (20.6% N)	90	80
3.	Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (25% N)	85	75
4.	Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (26% N)	90	80
5.	Ammonium Chloride (25% N)	85	75